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On page 56, line 13, please delete "Figure 14", and insert --Figure 13-- in place thereof.

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## In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-20.

Please add new claims 24-26.

24. (New) The method of claim 21 wherein the inhibitor is modeled using a computer program based on the crystallization coordinates of memapsin 2.

25. (New) The method of claim 21 wherein the inhibitor is modeled using a computer program based on the parameters for memapsin shown in Table 2.

26. (New) The method of claim 21 comprising creating a data base of data obtained by modeling more than one inhibitor based on the crystallization coordinates of memapsin 2 or parameters of Table 2.

## Remarks

This Preliminary Amendment is made to conform the specification to the formal drawings filed herewith. Figure 5 has been relabeled Figures 5A, 5B, 5C, 5D, and 5E to conform to the description of the drawing in the specification. Table 2 on page 51 of the specification has been corrected to add several special symbols that were either unavailable or did not print